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Israelis, Jordanian leaders sign draft peace accord

By Jamal Halaby
Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan and Israel initialed a draft treaty Monday to end nearly a half-century of hostility, intensifying pressure on Syria to move toward ending one of the world's longest-running conflicts.

The accord, reached after an all-night session that resolved disputes over water rights and borders, was expected to be

quickly ratified by the Jordanian and Israeli legislatures. The Israeli Cabinet approved it within hours after it was signed.

After Monday's ceremony, Israeli President Ezer Weizman said Syrian President Hafez Assad "should look around and see ... He may be the last in line" to make peace with Israel.

But in Damascus, where government-run newspapers have said daily that Israel was not to be trusted, Syrian Foreign

Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said: "We hope the Israeli government will realize the fact that without achieving peace with Syria and Lebanon, there will be no peace in the region ... This is the reality."

King Hussein of Jordan, who maintained clandestine contacts with Israeli leaders for years despite the state of war between the two countries, insisted the treaty heralded a new era. "Hopefully, it is a fresh begin-

ning and a fresh start," he said.

And Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel called it a "historically unique moment," and said he hoped a full-fledged treaty would be signed by the end of next week.

Israel TV said the full accord would be signed Oct. 26 on the Jordan-Israel border and that President Clinton had been invited to take part. Clinton administration officials said Clinton would probably attend.

Israel and Jordan signed a non-belligerency pact in Washington on July 25, and since then had been working to resolve differences that stood in the way of a full-fledged peace treaty.

"I believe this peace is an important achievement," a weary Rabin told reporters in Jerusalem after returning from Monday's ceremony and the overnight meetings in Jordan. "I

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Lorelei Davis-Estrada, 40, is accompanied by her daughter Amber, as she speaks to Cal Poly students about life with AIDS / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Living with AIDS

By Cynthia L. Webb
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Lorelei Davis-Estrada nervously played with a set of car keys as she attempted to put her life into perspective for a handful of Cal Poly students.

"If I was walking down the street, could you tell that I was infected with HIV?" she asked, as her eyes scanned the small group of 13 people listening to her speak in the University Union on Monday afternoon. The speech was part of AIDS

"If I was walking down the street, could you tell that I was infected with HIV? I'm no different than anyone else."

Lorelei Davis-Estrada
Educator/activist living with AIDS

Awareness Week, which is being organized by Cal Poly's HIV/AIDS educational subcommittee.

"I'm no different than anyone else," she answered. Davis-Estrada smiled and pointed at herself — her rosy cheeks and expressionist eyes confirmed most people's assumption that she is a healthy woman.

But Davis-Estrada is anything but physically healthy. She has AIDS.

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Haile accepts new job within university, calls lateral move 'healthy'

By Lisa M. Hansen
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Former College of Business Dean Allen Haile accepted a new position within the university Monday.

Haile's rocky one-year tenure ended shortly after a majority of faculty members delivered him a vote of "no confidence" on Sept. 30.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob confirmed that Haile was appointed as a

fund-raiser and liaison for University Advancement — a department responsible for raising outside money for Cal Poly.

Haile said Monday that the move to central administration was a joint decision between President Warren Baker, Koob and himself.

Haile said his official title has not yet been "negotiated." Koob said specific duties and responsibilities were worked out Saturday in a meeting between Haile

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Poly student arrested, charged with shooting at another car

By Len Arends
Daily Opinion Editor

San Luis Obispo Police arrested a Cal Poly student Saturday on suspicion of firing a shotgun at an occupied vehicle near campus.

Agribusiness senior Timothy Cotton, 23, was arrested on charges he shot at an inhabited vehicle, police said. The offense is a felony.

Police listed Jason Montello of Nipomo, Michael Nelson of Pismo Beach and Richard Zellenaga and Justin Goss of Arroyo Grande as the victims.

Goss said Monday an additional person, Tim Ferrari of Nipomo, was with the group. Police did not mention Ferrari in their report.

According to Goss, 18, the incident began in the pre-dawn hours Saturday when he and his

four friends became involved in an argument with two men in another vehicle.

Goss said all pulled to the side of Foothill Blvd. After a brief scuffle, the two men drove off, he said.

Later, around 2:30 a.m., Goss said he and his friends came across the same two men "near the football stadium."

"We were in the wrong place at the wrong time," Goss said.

He said a large group of people who were with the two men attacked their vehicle. Goss said when he and his friends fled, the two men they had argued with gave chase in a white Chevrolet Blazer.

Goss said the pair followed them through side streets in the area of the Foothill and California intersection, firing a series of shotgun blasts in their direction.

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Ethnic students share experiences in book

By Valeska Bailey
Daily Staff Writer

The pain, the struggles, the insights and the beauty of Cal Poly's ethnic students are captured in the book "Noitulover."

"Noitulover" is the first of its kind at Cal Poly. It is an ethnic-conscious collection from Cal Poly students and well-known published authors. The combination of experiences in this book make up the essence of what it is like to be a student of color.

A former graphic design student, Celina Taganas, put "Noitulover" together as her

senior project last spring quarter. She was editor of the Spectrum, which is a multicultural quarterly magazine published at Cal Poly. The book took Taganas about a quarter and a half to finish and it was printed this past summer. It can be bought at either El Corral or the Multicultural Center for \$10. Money from the book sales goes toward the publication of Spectrum.

The literature in "Noitulover" comes from the minds of students of color who live in and attend a predominantly white institution, who were not given the

opportunity to learn about their ethnic heritage and who had to learn about their culture on their own.

The title of the book, "Noitulover", spells revolution backwards.

"The title represents a revolution of the mind," said civil engineering senior Gilbert Hernandez. "It is a new realization that ethnic art is viable."

Hernandez worked with Taganas to design the book and is now the editor of the Spectrum.

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36 school days remaining in fall quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Mostly sunny, NW winds at 10-20 mph

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Mostly sunny, with early morning clouds and fog

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AIDS Awareness Week

AIDS may be spreading quickly, but a lot of Cal Poly students don't know a lot of the specifics of the disease.

There will be a presentation entitled, "AIDS 101: The Basics," in U.U. 220, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Questions also can be answered at the Peer Health Educators Sexuality Team information booth in the U.U. Plaza, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

TODAY

Employee Assistance Luncheon • "Stress: More or Less?" Faculty/Staff Dining Room B, 12-1 p.m. — 756-0327

Liberal Arts Council • Bldg. 10-241, 6 p.m.

Writer Speak Series • Poet Hunter Lillis and fiction writer Al Landwehr, U.U. 203, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

AIDS Awareness Speech • "Latines and HIV: Culture is the Center," U.U. 220, 12-1 p.m.

UPCOMING

Lexis-Nexis Workshop • Class specializing in business and Dow Jones searches, Kennedy Library Room 202, 9:10-10:30 a.m.

AIDS Awareness Week • "Videofest: HIV and the Media," 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

AIDS Awareness Speech • "African Americans and HIV: The Wisdom of Ancient African Proverbs," Bishop's Lounge, 12-1 p.m.

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Huffington wages costly TV campaign

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Huffington is a different brand of political candidate. Like Ginsu knives or cubic zirconia, the U.S. Senate hopeful from California is being marketed mostly on television.

A political novice elected to Congress in 1992, Huffington is spending a record \$10 million-plus of his own money on a sharp-edged TV ad campaign against Democratic incumbent Dianne Feinstein.

The approach has been effective so far. Huffington has risen to within seven points of Feinstein, a new Los Angeles Times poll says; a year ago, another voter survey found a 26-point gap.

The conservative Republican candidate's TV spending spree also has renewed debate about the media's dominance and, some say, its undermining of the political process that it could help to better.

"A literal unknown has bought his way very, very close to the largest electorate in the United States, outside of the presidency," said analyst Larry Berg of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics.

Democratic sour grapes, Ken Khachigian, a senior Huffington strategist and former Ronald Reagan speechwriter, says of such complaints.

The wealthy, well-financed Feinstein is not without her own resources, Khachigian said, and a costly television dependency is inevitable in modern campaigning.

"We can't be criticized for playing according to the rules

that have been developed over a generation here," he said.

In part, attention is being paid simply because of the mind-boggling amount Huffington is investing in his job hunt, a sum that already exceeds the record \$10 million with which Gov. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., indulged his campaign.

It's been reported that Huffington is prepared to invest up to a third of his estimated \$75 million Texan oil fortune. Feinstein's campaign has spent about \$5 million so far, said manager Cam Kuwata, but expects to close the gap somewhat in the final weeks.

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Joe Cerrell

Democratic Political Consultant

But rich populist candidates and TV-heavy campaigns are nothing new. It's Huffington's airtight focus on broadcast ads, which began before the primary race, that has made some observers especially uneasy.

Until recently, Huffington's public appearances were limited and appeared designed to evade media scrutiny. Political reporters still complain about the campaign's chronic inability to supply daily campaign schedules.

The approach is troublesome, some say.

"I think it is possible for television to be extraordinarily educational," said Randall Lake,

a University of Southern California professor. "The problem is when the only TV exposure is that purchased by and totally manipulated by a candidate."

Even fellow Republicans venture measured criticism.

"I have no problem with the fact he's spending a lot of money," said Steven Merksemer, a Republican campaign strategist who served as chief of staff for former California Gov. George Deukmejian.

"Jack Kennedy was mostly funded by his father. Whether we like it or not, this is a part of the American tradition," Merksemer said. "I am concerned with campaigns that are solely media-driven and in which there doesn't seem to be a lot of interaction with the public."

That has changed in recent weeks, he noted, as Huffington increased his personal appearances throughout the state. He and Feinstein also appeared together on CNN's "Larry King Live" in a version of a debate.

Although Huffington's visibility has increased, television commercials remain the dominant campaign element. That's with good reason, experts say.

"The three most important things in a campaign are No. 1, television, No. 2, television and No. 3, television," said Democratic political consultant Joe Cerrell. "That's how you reach 32 million Californians."

And the majority of those voters base their judgment of candidates and issues on TV ads. "We really are a media-conditioned state, a media-oriented state," says Sherri Bebitch Jeffe of Claremont Graduate School's Center for Politics and Policy.

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Operation Gatekeeper pushing border crossers east into hills

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A new border crackdown at San Diego is pushing illegal crossers into sparsely populated mountains, fields and industrial lands in the rugged regions east of the city.

Under Operation Gatekeeper, the Border Patrol is concentrating its agents along a stretch of the border, from the Pacific Ocean inland about four miles, that historically has the most illegal crossers.

But arrests in that area have declined after an initial surge immediately after Operation Gatekeeper began Oct. 1.

And now, arrests are up in other San Diego Border Patrol stations to the east, indicating that more migrants are trying to cross there.

T.J. Bonner, the president of the Border Patrol's national union, says it's now much busier in the remote Campo station where he works, about 30 miles east of San Diego.

Arrests there jumped to 241 in the first 13 days of October, compared to 96 during the same period last year.

"Campo had been lucky to catch 100 in a month before Gatekeeper," Bonner said. "And there's more traffic than that, we just don't have the agents to stop it."

Because of the eastern surge, many agents are skeptical about optimistic pronouncements on Operation Gatekeeper by top officials, Bonner says. A deputy attorney general this week declared that the Southwest border was being brought under control, for example.

"That's naive," Bonner said. "We are not stopping anything. As long as people are drawn to the United States, they will get

in. The factors driving illegal immigration are social and political."

But Gustavo De La Vina, the new western regional director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said the apparent shift east exactly fits what the Border Patrol expected.

The agency wants to push illegal migrants into rural areas where agents and motion sensors can better detect them.

"Campo had been lucky to catch 100 in a month before Gatekeeper. And there's more traffic than that, we just don't have the agents to stop it."

T.J. Bonner

Border Patrol's National Union President

"All I have to do is saturate the area with sensors," De La Vina said. "The advantage is clearly in our favor."

In addition to more arrests in the California desert, arrests also are expected to continue jumping east of California in Arizona.

For example, the Tucson sector of the Border Patrol had a 51 percent increase last year after San Diego and El Paso, Texas, both improved their defenses.

The federal government was expected to outline a new strategy for stopping illegal crossings in Arizona later Monday.

HAILE: Associate Dean Walter Rice will assume interim role in college

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and Vice President for University Advancement Bill Boldt. Boldt joined the university at the beginning of October and Haile will be working directly under him.

Boldt was out of town until today and could not be reached for comment, but Koob said he was hired in response to President Baker's goals to boost university fund-raising and development.

Haile said his extensive connections with the business community and government will aid him in his new role.

"I have strong ties to the administration in Washington and strong ties to businesses that can do us a lot of good here," he said.

Koob said this position was not created specifically for Haile, who abruptly "stepped aside" from his position as dean earlier this month.

"We actually lucked out that all this happened," Koob said. "We were having internal management problems and we saw that he had significant strengths in dealing with the business of (running a) campus. We thought we could put him in a full-time position to exercise

his strengths.

"If none of this had happened, we definitely would not have filled the position so quickly," Koob said. "I think everybody comes out ahead with this arrangement."

As dean for slightly more than a year, Haile was the highest-ranking African-American on campus. That status won't change. Koob said the position is "on the same level in the hierarchy as the Dean of College of Business."

Haile characterized the change as a lateral move.

"I think it's a healthy move for the university and myself," he said.

Haile also offered an explanation for the recent feelings of business faculty.

"I think the faculty was unhappy with both the reorganization of the college and their relationship with the new leadership team," he said. "Being the dean, I have to bear responsibility for that."

Haile introduced a variety of changes in the business program since he took over as dean in July of 1993, many of which irked College of Business faculty members.

Haile's controversial moves included restructuring the college by eliminating the five concentration-based departments — accounting, business administration, economics, industrial technology and management. The three new divisions he created were undergraduate, masters and faculty.

Walter Rice, associate dean of the College of Business, will act as interim dean until a new one is appointed. Koob estimates a replacement will be named in about three weeks.

The search will be limited to in-house candidates, Koob added.

Rice said he will focus for the next few weeks on maintaining stability within the department.

"I will see that the College of Business operates in an efficient, orderly manner," he said.

Rice plans to hold a series of faculty meetings to discuss "our direction."

Rice did not say if he will apply for the dean's position.

"It is too early for me to consider that," he said. "Everything has happened so quickly that I have to evaluate my position."

A search committee will convene next week, according to Rice.

PEACE: Leaders to sign final agreement Oct. 26

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think it will also have repercussions where Syria and the Palestinians are concerned."

Peace talks with Syria have lagged over Damascus' demand that Israel relinquish the Golan Heights captured in the 1967 Middle East war. Polls show most Israelis oppose giving up the Golan.

Monday's accord, signed by Rabin and Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali of Jordan, came after a rocky week for peace talks with the Palestinians.

Israel suspended negotiations with the PLO after Islamic militants kidnapped an Israeli soldier. The soldier was killed by his captors Friday as Israeli commandos stormed their hideout, but talks are to resume Tuesday

in Cairo.

Clinton said he was "delighted" by the developments in Amman, adding: "This agreement reminds us that moderation and reason are prevailing."

Jordan is only the second Arab country to make peace with Israel. Egypt broke ranks to do so in 1979.

Jordan and Israel last fought in the 1967 Middle East war, when Israel seized the West Bank and east Jerusalem, but a state of war has existed between the countries since 1948.

Syria fought Israel in 1948, as well as in 1967, 1973 and during Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Many Jordanians were taken by surprise when they heard of the accord through the Israeli media, which reported the event live.

NOITULOVER: Title is revolution backwards

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"We publish a lot of poetry in the Spectrum, so we put many of the poems from the Spectrum into 'Noitulover,'" Hernandez said.

Political science senior Pedro Arroyo is a contributing writer in the book. He submitted a set of four poems.

One poem is about Guadalupe, a small town south of San Luis Obispo. In this poem, Arroyo discusses what it is like to live in this rural area. He explains that even though the town is beautiful, the farm people suffer. People's backs ache from the manual labor of packing broccoli and the people's fingers are sore and bruised, he said.

Two other poems by Arroyo are about seasons. In San Luis Obispo we can see the changing of the seasons, according to Arroyo, but in Los Angeles we do not have a visual image of the seasons.

"In L.A. I know the seasons when I see the homeless people building their cardboard homes," Arroyo said. "You know that it is winter when you see this," Arroyo said. "When my mom starts to plant in the urbanized gardens, I know that spring has arrived," Arroyo said.

"Noitulover" gives bilingual poets a voice, according to Arroyo. The book addresses heavy-duty issues that many people have a hard time accepting.

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EDITORIAL

Big West:
Cal Poly's growing up

In accepting an invitation to join the Big West Conference, Cal Poly athletics just scored. Call it a home run, goal, spike, slam dunk or record-breaking time: Whatever you call it, stand up and cheer for the home team.

It may be the last chance you get for a while.

That isn't to say Cal Poly doesn't have potential or won't be competitive in any area of the new conference.

Stuff it to say we've got a long ways to go and a few years to get there.

But that's OK. Watching the home team lose a few games is a disadvantage, but don't let anybody tell you the move to the Big West doesn't come with a few perks:

- We have a chance to develop productive rivalries with big-time athletic programs such as UC-Santa Barbara.
- The conference affiliation aids recruitment. Coupled with the school's academic reputation, it makes us very attractive to Mom and Dad.
- There will be more money flowing through the athletic programs, which means ultimately we will be more competitive.
- Athletic facilities will be improved.
- The Big West conference champs in basketball get an automatic berth in the NCAA playoff field of 64. The Mustangs in March Madness? Dick Vitale saying "How about them Mustangs?"
- Cal Poly might show up on ESPN sometime.

The list is longer, with further advantages no doubt still to be discovered.

So to the Mustangs — whether they're running, batting or serving — we say "congratulations."

To their fans, we say "patience is a virtue." Let's stand behind our teams while they make the transition.

Put CSU's feet
to the fire on parking

When you plowed over staff parking to make way for the Rec Center and Business extension, we were silent.

When you laid down an acre of asphalt on a pasture somewhere near the orbit of Pluto and called it "student parking," our legs complained, but we were silent.

When you cluttered even more staff spaces with offices and equipment for the building of the Performing Arts Center — then "reclaimed" the lost spaces by annexing part of the R-2 general parking lot — we were still silent.

Even when you extended the hours of parking enforcement from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., we bitched, but eventually got over it.

Now it's time for you — the Cal Poly administrators — to do us a favor. Get us night-time parking permits.

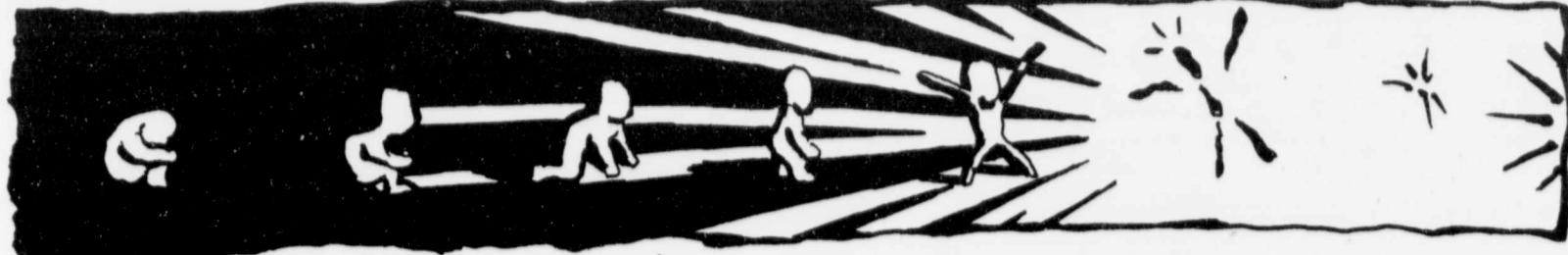
This really wasn't an issue before the arrival of the 9:30 p.m. parking fine, but frugal drivers have reason to be bitter that a reduced rate parking permit, valid exclusively from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., isn't available. Students with night classes who use city transit during the day or who don't want to walk home through an oppressive gloom shouldn't have to buy a full \$36 student parking permit.

We recognize that the issue is not entirely in your hands, bound as you are by the system-wide parking regulations of the California State University.

But there has to be some contribution from the individual campuses in the decision process. You can at least make a lot of noise at the top.

And do hurry, before rooftop helipads start looking like a viable alternative.

COMMENTARY



The endless circle of life

By Julie Statezny

Dedicated in loving memory to Cynthia Ann Kleile:
 May 13, 1968, to September 22, 1994

As miraculous as birth — is death. As amazing as birth — is death. As natural, as beautiful, as intriguing as birth — is death.

But Death bites. Death rains and screams. It steals and it scares. Death does whatever it wants, whenever it wants and to whomever it wants. Death is coming for all of us — the time, the hour, the day, unknown. Are you ready?

The lightning flashed. The thunder rumbled. And my cousin, Cindy, passed on to the other side. God cried for days and so did I.

Less than a year ago, I sat at my computer and shared with you my 26-year-old cousin's short, but wearisome, battle with oral cancer. Cindy was diagnosed with a rare cancer of the tongue in November, two months after exhibiting symptoms. In August, doctors told a 50-pound-thinner Cindy that the cancer was gone. Two weeks later, it resurfaced.

Cindy began to get so weak she couldn't get out of bed. She could barely talk. Several days later, she slipped into a coma and lost the war.

Surgery, medication and prayer didn't save her. Bitterness, sorrow and "if-onlys" won't bring her back. Now that all has been said and done, it's time to resume our lives. Only this chapter is filled with a new passion, a new zest, a greater meaning.

In life, as in death, we are meant to celebrate. Life is more than an inhale and exhale. Death is more than an absent heartbeat. We are a soul, a spirit accountable to one true God and through him we will soar on the wings of eagles. We are living to die and our death will bring an eternal rebirth through Christ.

But only those who accept Christ as their personal Savior in this earthly lifetime will drink of the holy water and reign in paradise.

Cindy grew up in a household devoid of religion, but not devoid of God, because God lives within all of us whether we know it or not.

Unfortunately, I don't think she knew it. Perhaps, that's why death slowly took Cindy. After a healthy nudge from family members, Cindy spoke with a handful of ministers on her deathbed. It was only after these conversations that she let go.

I don't know what was said in that dim and seemingly hopeless room, but I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that a once-unbelieving Cindy is strolling along gold-paved roads in a Heaven lined with 24-hour all-you-can-eat buffets.

Earthquakes, plagues (like the flesh-eating disease and AIDS) and wars will invade the earth on the brink of the end of the world. Many of these signs have already

come to pass. The time is near. Not all of us will be afforded the "luxury" of time to get our hearts in order.

Sadly, many of you will never understand this urgency until you or a loved one is faced with death. Unfortunately, many of us need to die in order to learn how to live. Two weeks ago, I stood in your shoes. And I was content.

For the first time in my life, I have become intimate with pain. Sorrow has become my bed partner. Tears fall with the drop of a pin. But despite the emptiness of loss, there is no hole.

Cindy is my guardian angel. She is singing in Heaven for all her friends and family. A vivacious, cheerful, thoughtful Cindy prepared her whole life to become an angel. She just didn't know it. God is grooming us all for a place in his kingdom. A kingdom more extraordinary and divine than our wildest imaginations.

Cindy's memory lives on through all those she touched. Not only will I cherish the memories—dodging my mother's camera at the holiday dinner table, poking fun at our fathers (the only men in the family) and gorging ourselves on onion dip, lasagna and ice cream cake — but I will always remember that through her death Cindy taught me how to live.

There is no room in this life for hate or self-pity. There is not time in this life to take your loved ones for granted or deprive yourselves of intimacy with others and God, no matter how old or young.

Life is about loving, experiencing, giving. When your candle is blown out, will you grieve over your lost job? Your lost success? Your lost Rolex?

No! We'll miss the hugs, kisses, and Kodak moments shared or wishfully shared between our moms, dads, sisters, brothers, children, boyfriends, girlfriends and friends... life is about loving people and appreciating, telling them in the living years.

Life is about making a difference for God. It's about sacrifice. God never said it was going to be easy. He just said that those who suffered the most would be the first to gain glory in Heaven.

When God wills, my entire family will happily be reunited with Cindy. But until then, I will live my life keeping in mind that each day may be my last. I will do my best to freely love and serve. Above all, I will never forget how blessed I am to be alive through the joy and the tears.

Death bites. Death rains and screams. It steals and it scares. But once Death has a hold on you, all fear will pass, the heavens will open and eternity will be yours. Until then... as sure as there is a time to live, there is a time to die. But not to worry, for God is the master of our fate — the keeper of our souls.

• Julie Statezny is a journalism senior.

LETTERS

California Senate race in shambles

The California Senatorial race between Republican challenger Rep. Michael Huffington and Sen. Diane Feinstein is half-intriguing and semi-farcical.

It is so intriguing because I cannot believe that two people could be waging an electoral war against one another by flinging insults and spreading lies.

I don't recall either one of them ever having anything positive to say on what they've accomplished or what goals they plan to fulfill during their tenure in Washington. What I do remember about their campaign are scores and scores of negative ads of each candidate trying to deface the other in the light of the public.

What was even worse was seeing their debate on "Larry King Live" last week. It was painful to watch. The entire time, no new information was ever disseminated. Both Feinstein and Huffington reverted to "schoolyard bully" tactics, hurtling hurtful words toward one another.

This behavior brings up the semi-farcical nature of both campaigns. With their behavior, who do they think will believe their message? Doesn't either of them have a clue that their hastiness and bickering are sickening parts of their constituencies? Their behavior makes the race seem almost ridiculous.

They are in their own little worlds and they don't care whether the California people suffer. I can't speak for everyone, but I can say this about myself.

As a constituent, I am sickened by what I see. I am even to the point that I really don't care whether Huffington or Feinstein wins. I guess all that matters is the fact that one of them has to fill the seat and one of them has to follow his or her self-interests.

Cecilia Hastings
 Journalism senior

Who do by-products really benefit?

Re: "The North Forty," Oct. 13

I wonder what a human's purpose is?

Is it to exploit and use every part of an animal? Probably not. We have much higher purposes that go beyond such primitive, capitalistic urges as Marytina Marshall suggests.

If my car is 98-percent animal by-product, I might as well cut out the middleman and steer a cow around. This would save me thousands and save a cow from being pushed through the grinder.

Seriously, I have doubts and question such wide usage of animal by-products. Through modern scientific advancement, most of the chemicals Marshall suggests are required for our daily lives could be produced synthetically, either through a chemical reaction or through genetic engineering.

We use most animal by-products because the slaughterhouse wants to maximize its profits. If the animals weren't killed, we would use synthetic equivalents for all the various products. So there is an alternative.

There is even an alternative to animal agriculture. We don't need animals as an essential part of our diet. We need them because ranchers and farmers need to support themselves.

I wrote this response to give another viewpoint and show that animal agriculture is not as one-sided as you say it is. Our purpose is to survive and live the best we can. To maximize our living should not mean the minimization of others' lives.

Kevin Ulrich
 Education graduate student

Bosnian Serbs hijack 5-truck United Nations medical convoy

By David Gray
Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs on Monday commandeered a U.N. convoy carrying medical supplies to Sarajevo, forced it to a Serb hospital and unloaded its supplies, a U.N. relief spokesman said.

Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said it was the first time in the 30-month siege of Sarajevo that an entire convoy had been hijacked and looted.

Janowski said the five-truck convoy, escorted by a U.N. armored personnel carrier, was stopped at a Serb checkpoint at noon as it headed from Sarajevo airport toward the city. After a five-hour standoff, the convoy was forced to drive through the Serb-held Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza to a hospital at nearby Blazuj, where all the supplies were unloaded.

The trucks returned empty to Sarajevo, Janowski said. U.N. officials contacted Serb headquarters in Pale to demand return of the supplies.

The convoy carried supplies from the World Health Organization that were to be unloaded at a Sarajevo depot, then distributed among government-held and Serb-held areas of Sarajevo, Janowski said.

The hijacking added to tensions over the refusal of more than 500 Bosnian government troops to leave a demilitarized zone near Sarajevo.

Bosnia's ambassador to the United Nations on Monday asked the Security Council to intervene over increased Bosnian Serb shelling within another zone ringing Sarajevo where no heavy armaments are permitted.

Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey said Serbian rebels last week fired more than 1,000 shells around the Bosnian capital.

U.S. and N. Korea set to end dispute

Associated Press

GENEVA — The United States and North Korea have reached a framework agreement to ease months of tension over the North's nuclear program, the chief U.S. negotiator said Monday.

Robert L. Gallucci said the draft accord would be sent to capitals for approval and negotiators hoped to sign the document in Geneva on Friday.

He declined to give details of the accord.

Gallucci said the accord was "broadly acceptable and positive." He said it served the interests of the United States, South Korea and Japan and addressed concerns about the past nuclear program of North Korea.

The agreement builds on a outline accord, reached in August, in which North Korea offered to open up its nuclear facilities to international inspection and scrap its outdated

Negotiators hoped to sign the document in Geneva on Friday.

atomic energy program. That program uses old-fashioned technology that produces more bomb-making plutonium than modern reactors.

In return, Washington offered low-level diplomatic ties and help in building safer nuclear power plants.

Since then, little progress has been made. Some speculated that a power vacuum in North Korea following the death of Kim Il Sung made it impossible for negotiators in Geneva to act with authority.

Negotiators had reported talks and were deadlocked for days.

In Beijing, Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian told U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry on Monday that China would try

to help end the impasse. A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said China did not want North Korea to have nuclear weapons.

China is a traditional ally of communist North Korea.

Kim Jong Il, the late leader's son, appeared in public Sunday for the first time since his father's funeral, signaling that he has taken power. However, he has not formally assumed the positions of president and communist party leader.

The latest round of talks started in Geneva about three weeks ago.

In Seoul, South Korean officials said Sunday that the latest sticking point was the U.S. demand that North Korea open dialogue with the South before Washington establishes diplomatic liaison offices.

North Korea contends any dialogue is an issue between the two Koreas and does not concern the United States.

SHOOTING

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Police, however, mentioned only one shot.

No one was injured in the incident, police said but the targeted vehicle was heavily damaged by the blast or blasts, according to William Montello, whose son owned the car.

"He just got a new paint job, too," Montello said.

None of the others victims could be reached as of noon Monday.

Following the shooting, police said they contacted and interviewed Cotton and a friend on suspicion of firing the weapon.

Cotton was placed in San Luis Obispo County Jail on \$30,000 bail. Information on the second man was referred to the District Attorney's office, police said.

Police withheld the second man's name. He has not yet been charged with a crime.

Cotton was no longer in County Jail as of 11 a.m. Monday, but did not return repeated phone calls.



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After a year, memories of fitness center massacre still fester

Associated Press

ALPINE — A year later, Janet Buquet is still paralyzed by the questions:

Why did her 19-year-old son go crazy, walking up to a crowded gym with a gun and killing four people, then himself?

Were she and her husband bad parents? Should they have recognized earlier that he might be schizophrenic? What if he had never tried drugs?

Since their son's rampage last year in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon, the Buquets — Janet, her husband Bob, and their three children — have been racked with guilt, pain and grief.

The youngest son, 13, has been taunted at school.

"You may go home and get a gun and shoot me like your brother did," a fellow student told the boy after pushing him.

Devastated, he told his mother: "I can't do it. It's too depressing. I can't go to school."

The 15-year-old sister has be-

come an anti-drug counselor at her high school, using her brother as a warning case.

But the family has been blessed too, Mrs. Buquet says. There is the regular bundle of cards from friends "who know this is a hard time for us."

"It's incredible how the community here has prayed for us," she says.

Each family member has undergone tens of thousands of dollars of therapy. Mrs. Buquet says she now understands how random mental illness can be.

She has started a pre-school in her home. "I can make a difference in a lot of other kids' lives," she says.

But the events of Oct. 14, 1993, are with her always.

Jimmy Buquet was firing off rounds as he drove up to the El Cajon Family Fitness Center. One killed Charles Tucker, 37. Buquet then picked off others with precision: employees Helen-Mary Spatz, 36, and Rebecca Negrete, 31; and club

member Laxmi Patel, 19.

He wounded two others before returning to his car to kill himself.

When Mrs. Buquet looks at the photos of Jimmy at 15, she sees a child with musical talent, settled and content.

She recalls him nursing an injured bird back to health, waking every four hours to feed it. "He was gentle and loving."

But at 16, Jimmy began experimenting with drugs. His mother caught him and "tore his room apart."

"I said 'Jimmy, I'm not forcing you, but if you decide not to go (to rehabilitation), you could have an ugly life.'"

He went, and his mother says, appeared to undergo a transformation for the good.

But after the murders, she began reading his poems, songs and writings. They spoke of nightmares and hallucinations, of evil voices, of being unable to sleep.

Just weeks before, the youth

"I think if I could just get some revenge on him, I would feel better. But he didn't leave me that opportunity and I'm mad."

Rick Spatz

Man whose wife was killed in massacre

had written a college essay outlining the slaughter to come.

"In his own way, he thought he was protecting us by not telling us (of the symptoms of what she believes were schizophrenia)," his mother says. "Maybe if he would have told us more, we could have helped."

"You always think if you raise your child right, give them lots of love, everything will be OK," she said.

"But it's not like that. It's not like good things happen only to good people, or bad things happen to bad people."

For the victims, comfort has also been elusive.

"It was the worst thing that could ever happen," says Rick Spatz, married to Helen-Mary for 20 years and the father of her

four children.

"My children used to be happy and joking. Now they are cynical, bitter and negative."

The woman's father, Frank Smead, 72, says he can deal with his pain only by pretending his daughter is on a long trip. Her mother, Norma, 61, says: "Our balloon was popped and I keep trying to put it together. There's just a big hole in the middle of the puzzle."

Rick Spatz considered suing the Buquet family but was told there was little hope for success. Negrete's husband has sued the youth's estate.

"I think if I could just get some revenge on him, I would feel better," says Rick Spatz. "But he didn't leave me that opportunity and I'm mad."

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Haiti president calls for peace

By Michael Norton
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide preached anew for reconciliation from behind his bulletproof shield Monday, hours after a mob torched the family home of Haiti's new army commander.

Fifteen buildings were set afire and one man killed in the coastal town of Gonaives after a false rumor spread Sunday night that Maj. Gen. Jean-Claude Duperval had led a coup attempt against Aristide.

After three years of army rule, Aristide faces a major challenge in persuading his nation to put aside the desire for vengeance.

Concern for Aristide's security has practically made him a prisoner of the National Palace.

The mob attack in Gonaives, 100 miles north of Port-au-Prince, occurred after Aristide summoned Duperval to the National Palace on Sunday to discuss how to dismantle the military.

U.S. troops guarding the palace unloaded Duperval's normal sidearms, prompting unfounded rumors to spread that

the army chief had tried to topple Aristide.

At least 10 houses and five stores were burned in the city of Gonaives, including one belonging to Duperval's mother and another belonging to the grandmother of former junta leader Lt. Col. Michel Francois. A grain depot owned by the Brandts, one of Haiti's richest families, was looted.

Radio Signal-FM said U.S. and Haitian soldiers arrested more than 100 people in putting down the violence in Gonaives.

In a brief speech Monday at the National Palace, Aristide urged "creating a state of law like all modern societies."

Duperval joined the Haitian leader on the palace stairs and helped him hoist the the Haitian flag.

Then Duperval offered Aristide a crisp salute and energetic handshake. The army chief was promoted last week to replace coup leader Raoul Cedras, who fled into exile.

Enthusiastic crowds briefly prevented Aristide's motorcade from leaving the palace to lay a wreath at Haiti's national museum to commemorate the as-

sassination in 1806 of Jean-Jacques Dessaline, one of Haiti's founding fathers.

Aristide's motorcade retreated, then used a back exit to get to the nearby national museum.

Aristide officials sought Monday to put an end to the violence. Information Minister Herve Denis said anyone caught looting or targeting the homes of Aristide's political opponents would be arrested.

Violence has been compounded by the disappearance of many of Haiti's soldiers and police, putting American troops and international police monitors in the middle of disputes that are difficult to decipher.

During one street dispute in Port-au-Prince Monday, a pregnant woman told American troops that a man had threatened her. A crowd told the Americans she was using them to settle a business quarrel.

The U.S. military said the bodies of two slain men were discovered Sunday near the Cite Soleil area. A spokesman, Navy Lt. Mark McCaffrey, had no further detail.

Boy whose mother shot and killed alleged molester returns home

Associated Press

ANGELS CAMP — A boy whose mother is in prison for killing his alleged molester returned home nearly a week after he ran away.

Relatives said 13-year-old Willie Nesler, the son of Ellie Nesler, has been distraught since his mother began serving her 10-year prison sentence in January.

He had last been seen on Tuesday, at the home of an aunt with whom he has been staying. He returned home on Sunday after calling to say he was OK, the aunt, Jan Martinez, told police.

Authorities planned to talk to the boy to learn where he was

Nesler shot Daniel Mark Driver in a courtroom at Jamestown in California's Gold Rush country in April 1993.

and then decide what to do, police spokesman Jerry O'Flinn said.

Nesler shot Daniel Mark Driver in a courtroom at Jamestown in California's Gold Rush country in April 1993. Driver was killed as he sat shackled at a hearing to determine if he should be tried on charges of molesting Nesler's son and four other boys.

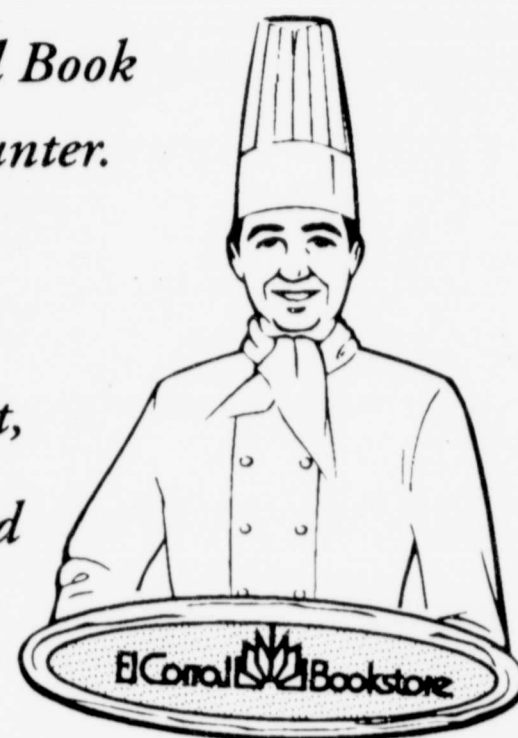
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AIDS: Woman discovered she had disease on Christmas, later learned her husband was afflicted

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She first found out about her disease on Christmas Day in 1987 when she was living in Douglas, Ariz. She was five months pregnant at the time.

"I was so sick. I didn't know what was going on with me," Davis-Estrada said. "It was so bad, I couldn't sit up."

She went to the hospital to get help. The doctors ran tests, but could not figure out what was wrong, she said.

Then a person who tested Davis-Estrada finally came to her room with some news. She was told, "You have AIDS and you'll probably be dead in a year."

At the time, Davis-Estrada said she was more than scared.

"I had to start making some huge decisions, and fast," she said. "I kept thinking, God, I am going to be dead. I am going to die. Who is going to take care of this child?"

Davis-Estrada decided to not have the child because of the disease. When she left the hospital, she said she knew she had to piece together her life. She had her family to think about — three kids and her husband Joe — as well as herself.

"I walked home (from the hospital) and the closer I got to home, the more angry I got — and the more stupid I got," she said. Her anger escalated, and when she came home to tell her husband she had AIDS, he refused to talk to her.

"He was just glaring at me," she said.

The two didn't talk to each other for two weeks, Davis-Estrada said, and her anger changed to sadness. She cried for days.

But her misery doubled when Joe started feeling sick.

Davis-Estrada said she knew she had take him to the doctor. She called an ambulance, but when it arrived at her house, the drivers refused to give her a ride.

"(The hospital) closed the door," she said. "They would not let us in the hospital."

Davis-Estrada finally found a clinic that would help her husband, but the clinic had to release him in three days.

Trouble also greeted Davis-Estrada at her house when she and Joe returned home.

"There was a huge crowd of people. They said, 'We're sorry, but we don't want your kind in this community. We want you to leave.'"

Thirteen hours later, Joe was in a hospital in Santa Barbara. He was diagnosed with pneumonia, a disease that commonly afflicts people with AIDS. Joe stayed in the hospital for 30 days.

"His lesions opened up. They were oozing and they smelled. They didn't look good," Davis-Estrada said. "His testicles swelled to the size of grapefruits and when my husband died, he weighed 68 pounds."

Joe died in 1990, but Davis-Estrada still lives day to day, knowing she, too, has a shorter life to live.

"I am confused and angry because I got this disease," she said.

Davis-Estrada now knows the roots of her disease stem back to her husband. Although he was not a drug user at the time she found out she had AIDS, he had used drugs before, and continued to use them after he was hospitalized. He also had AIDS long

before she was diagnosed.

Davis-Estrada estimates that Joe knew he was infected as early as 1981, and that he infected more than 100 people before he died in 1990.

"He didn't just cut my life short," she said, as her eyes welled with tears. "He tore my whole family apart."

"This Christmas is my seventh Christmas since I found out about my disease," she said. "All I know, is I'm still here. I'm 100 pounds heavier, but I hope to be here as long as I can be here."

She also said she is glad she is still alive because of her children. Her daughter Amber is 11 years old. She also has two sons, ages 19 and 22.

Despite her disease, Davis-Estrada says she is determined to make the most of her life.

"I am going to keep on fighting for everybody so they don't get the disease," she said.

"It is scary because I don't want to die, yet we all have to die. The difference is that they've told me I am going to die."

She says her health is "OK." However, she's been afflicted with a host of gynecological problems and is dealing with an asthma-related fever.

But Davis-Estrada says she keeps fighting because AIDS has had such a big impact on her life. Her father died from complications relating to AIDS when he was 80 years old and her brother died of AIDS in 1985.

Her message also is voiced by her daughter Amber, who visits classes and helps teach kids about AIDS.

"She doesn't have to do it," Davis-Estrada said. "But kids are our future, and without kids there is no future."

Davis-Estrada said she hopes her efforts help educate people about AIDS.

While her life story is an education in itself, she still tells people to make smart decisions in relationships.

"Abstinence is not natural — that's not real life. But it's the only 100 percent way to keep from being infected," she said, adding that condoms are an option, but they aren't risk-free.

"I just wish more people would get involved, you know. Get out and do something. I can't do it alone."

Art and design freshman Erin Martin said Davis-Estrada's message was powerful.

"I think it took a lot of courage," Martin said. "She really opened herself up, without knowing if people could handle it ... It's just everyone has the mentality that it is not going to happen to them."

Art and design freshman Christy Conner agreed.

"It was a realization that, 'Yeah, I could get AIDS too.' I want to prepare myself for whatever happens."

Conner said she also related to Davis-Estrada's story.

When she was a freshman in high school in Virginia, a friend found out he had AIDS. He died a year later, she said.

"It was really, really hard," Conner said. "I got into peer education because of it. I think my friend would have been really proud of me."

But both said they wondered why only a small crowd showed up for the event.

"It is so ignorant," Conner said. "The only way you can prepare yourself (for AIDS) is by learning."

Elderly woman who owed debt keeps home

By David Klignman
Associated Press

FRESNO — An elderly Fresno woman who owed a bond premium that had been delinquent for three decades said Monday she believes her home has been saved from foreclosure.

After reading an Associated Press account of Gloria Eden Brown's dilemma, a Sacramento bail bondsman gave her a check to cover the \$1,957 debt. Brown said a San Bernardino foreclosure company has received the check and is waiting for it to clear.

"Right now I see no reason that this thing shouldn't be taken care of," said Brown, who has lived in her \$35,000 home since 1956. "They sent me a letter saying that when the check is cleared, they will give me the necessary papers."

Eight other people have called The Associated Press wanting to help Brown since her story was published Sept. 30 in newspapers throughout California.

Brown, who had been distraught over the possibility of losing her home, said she was grateful for the offers.

"That's a good blessing," Brown said. "Do you have their names and numbers? I'd like to thank them."

Brown, 65, had put up her modest home in west Fresno as collateral for a boyfriend's bail on a misdemeanor charge in 1964. A bail bond company discovered the debt earlier this year and told Brown that her home would be foreclosed if she didn't pay the lien by Oct. 15.

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